

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
REGULAR WORK SESSION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2009
7:00P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Council President Gatling called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Councilmember Latasha Gatling, Mayor Eugene Grant (LATE 7:20P.M.), Councilmember Darrell Hardy (EXCUSED), Councilmember Kelly Porter (EXCUSED, LATE 7:33P.M.), Councilmember Gerald R. Raynor, Sr., Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Council President asked the City Council if they would excuse Councilman Porter and Councilman Hardy. The Council agreed.

Staff: Robert Ashton, Acting City Administrator and Dashaun Lanham, City Clerk

1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

The Invocation was given by Councilmember Yeargin

1.1.4. Approval of Agenda

- It was motioned by Councilmember Simms and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

2. PRESENTATIONS:

- None

3. LEGISLATION:

- Ordinance 10-02 FY2010 Budget Amendment was introduced by the City Council and the first reading was declared on Monday, December 7, 2009.

4. REPORTS:

4.1 Mayor's Report- Eugene W. Grant, Mayor

- Mayor Grant requested that Tim McNeil, Special Assistant to the Mayor give a brief presentation.
- Mayor Grant reported that he and the City Treasurer had been working on strengthening the City's finances since he been in office.
- He stated that Global was successful in securing a bond bill of \$375,000.00 for the Feggans Center.
- Mr. McNeil reported that if we designate the Feggans Center as brown field to seek funding, if designated the Build America Bond has fund that can be used for the Feggans Center. He had contacted Grisbly & Associates and they identified 1.4 Million dollars in bonds, tax credit and other sources. They estimated 5Million project without conducting a walk through. The City could get a loan of 1.4 Million to match the bond dollars.

4.2. City Administrator's Report-Robert Ashton, (Acting)

- **Bond Bill**-Mr. Ashton stated the Council President Gatling work on bond bill for \$250,000 from the Senate for repairs to the Feggans Center, and a \$200,000.00 from Delegate. The Senate is moving forward. He hopes he will be able to report the same on the House side on Tuesday, December 8, 2009.
- **Feggans Center**- Mr. Ashton stated the National Design Center visited the Feggans Center on November 30, 2009 to take measurements to prepare plans in support of the Bond Bill.
- **Metro Business System**- Mr. Ashton stated the City had moved forward with an attempt to return vendor equipments. We sent a request to them and didn't get a response. Our insurance will cover us for liability in transporting, and storing of the equipment, if vendor doesn't accept. The Council general consensus was to return the equipment.
- **Gas Card System** - Mr. Ashton stated that the system has been installed and we will begin using them on December 14, 2009. The Council requested the SPPD cards be flagged after 90 Gallons each month.
- **Lease Purchase Equipment for Public Works**-Mr. Ashton stated that monies were allocated in the budget, and the vehicle has been identified to be used for snow removal.

4.3 City Council Committee - None

4.3a Economic Development Housing & Planning Committee – Councilmember Simms reported that she has been working on the a Records Retention Schedule for the City, and she would like to remove all records and equipment from the Feggans Center. The City has purchased the Laserfiche

equipment for electronic storage. All staff and Council should be trained to know how to retrieve records.

She has requested that Mr. Ashton send letters to the former tenants of the Feggans Center to remove their property.

4.2b Finance & Budget Committee - None

4.2c Government Affairs & Technology – Councilmember Yeargin stated that the Council should be assigned to working on the City Administrator together.

4.2d Human Services, Health & Education Committee – Councilman Porter stated that he will be re-scheduling a meeting with his committee.

4.2e Public Safety & Civil Rights Committee – Councilman Raynor stated that had a meeting scheduled with Mr. Ashton on December 10, 2009 regarding the Chief of Police.

4.2f Public Works & Transportation Committee - None

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.1 City Charter & City Code Update Schedule

Councilwoman Gatling stated that she wanted the Council to develop a schedule to go through the Charter and Code by each section to see if we want to make any changes.

Councilman Porter stated his concern is legal review/opinion on any changes. We were going to have a retreat. He recommended a facilitator to keep the meeting on task.

Councilman Yeargin recommended University of Maryland Law Class to review Charter before we start the process.

The Council general consensus for retreat and Mrs. Lanham to contact University of Maryland, Maryland Municipal League and LGIT for January and February on Friday from 4:00p.m.-10:00p.m, and Saturday 8:00a.m.-10:00p.m. We can MML staff to facilitate.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

6.1 City Council Goals for City Administrator

The City Council wanted to meet next week to discuss. No date has been set.

6.2 Candidacy Forms Review Date-Ward II Vacancy

City Clerk to pin Council for dates of availability

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1 PGCMA Legislative Committee Meeting, Tuesday, December 8, 2009, 7:00p.m., Laurel City Hall, 8103 Sandy Spring Rd, Laurel, MD.

7.2 Ward II Community Meeting-Candidacy Presentation, Friday, December 11, 2009, 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m.; Seat Pleasant Activity Center

7.3 Public Session, Monday, December 14, 2009, Council Chambers, 7:00p.m.

7.4. Prince George's Community College Partnership Meeting, Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at 9:30a.m., Council Chambers

7.5. Delegate Howard Education & Prayer Breakfast, Thursday, December 17, 2009 at 7:30a.m., Newton White House Mansion, Upper Marlboro, MD

ADJOURN-It was motioned by Councilmember Yeargin and seconded by Councilmember Porter to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.

Submitted by,

Dashaun N. Lanham
City Clerk